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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment is barely steady to fully steady on hens and toms. Inquiry light to good, best for deferred shipments for November holiday needs. Whole turkey sales moderate. Offerings of hens and toms uneven ranging from light to fully adequate. Parts and meats trading moderate. Offerings adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading light to good. Most interest on tom drums and frozen thigh meat going to Mexico and Asia. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Balance of items slow with little or no trading reported.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 15, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 16, 2000**

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	66.50	280	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	60.5	60.50	1000	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	64.50	120	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	57.5-58	57.54	520	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 FEBRUARY 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to firm on tom breast meat and tenderloins, thigh meat steady to fully steady with some cautiousness noted and increased overall confidence being noted on bulk parts. Demand fair to good on tom breast with some sellers indicating inquiry exceeds supply. Tenderloin demand light to good with offerings of destrapped the least available, however, some are noting that whole tenderloins are becoming harder to find. Inquiry fair on thigh meat for the light to adequate offerings, however, some are cautious as they watch competitive red meat markets. For export: hen drums (1 container) 21 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	99.00	1,080
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	102.00		102.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	19.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	18.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	21.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00		25.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	28.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	36.00	40
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	35
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	158.00-162.00		160.53	98
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	153.00		153.00	40
THIGH MEAT	60.00		60.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	61.00	8
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT	66.00		66.00	40
TENDERLOINS	114.00-120.00		115.00	48
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	130.25	320
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	135.00		135.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	45.00		45.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	14.52	480
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-23.00		21.02	206
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	16.00		16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.45	176
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 FEBRUARY 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to firm on tom breast meat with some noting frozen is stronger than fresh. The fair to instances good tom breast meat demand is due in part to product being bought for summer usage and improved seasonal further processed demand. Trading centered on a fair volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, light on the balance of items. Offerings of institutional breasts light to fully adequate. Grade A non-basted (mixed load): 8-10 and 12-14 lb. 100 cents delivered. For export: hen drums (2 containers) 20 cents shipping point, tom necks (1 container) 16 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	101.00		101.00	440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	102.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	19.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	20.00		20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	21.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	25.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	23.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	36.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	16.00	35
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	160.53	98
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	151.50		151.50	160
THIGH MEAT		T	60.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	61.00	8
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT	70.00		70.00	40
TENDERLOINS		T	115.00	48
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	131.00-137.00		134.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	145.00		145.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	45.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	13.00-16.00		14.00	100
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.50		19.38	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		T	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.45	176
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	208

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 02/16/00

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	-	184,939	185,289
1998-1999	26,267	320,261	320,611